

FINAL MINUTES

JOINT MEETING of the STATE REVIEW BOARD and HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

March 7, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Halsey Lecture Hall - Virginia Historical Society
428 North Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia 23221

State Review Board Members Present

Warren Hofstra, Chair
Carl Lounsbury, Vice-Chair
Ann Alexander
Lauranett Lee
Elizabeth Moore

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Patrick Butler, Chairman
Helen Murphy, Vice-Chair
Jeanne Evans
Rachel Flynn
Ora McCoy

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director
Catherine Slusser, Deputy Director
Ann Andrus
Francine Archer
Camille Bowman
Bob Carter
David Edwards
Joanie Evans
Randy Jones
Calder Loth
Jean McRae

Wendy Musumeci
Ashley Peace
Mike Pulice
Olga Skorackyj
Susan Smead
Kelly Spradley-Kurowski
Elizabeth Tune
Randy Turner
Marc Wagner

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Hofstra called the State Review Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He read the role of the board, asked the other members to introduce themselves, and then explained the process of registration.

The minutes from the December 6, 2006 meeting were approved with a motion from Mr. Lounsbury and a second from Ms. Lee. There was new r old business.

Historic Resources Board (HRB)

Chair Butler called the Historic Resources Board meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. He explained the role of the board then asked each member to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the December 6, 2006 meeting were approved with a motion from Ms. McCoy and a second from Ms. Murphy. Under new business, Ms. Evans motioned that DHR draft a resolution for the service of Dr. John Braymer; this motion was seconded by Ms. Murphy and passed. There was no old business.

Director's Report (DHR)

Director Kilpatrick welcomed everyone in attendance and highlighted many of the celebrations and activities for the coming anniversary year, including events at which DHR will jointly participate. She spoke of the Department's standing with the National Park Service with regards to the tax credit program and other continued initiatives. She spoke of the General Assembly, state and legislative issues, and highlighted items on the day's agenda.

Finally, Director Kilpatrick asked the Boards for a vote of support for the National Historic Landmarks submission for Skyline Drive; and the World Heritage Site proposal of the Virginia State Capitol Building. With a motion from Mr. Lounsbury and a second from Ms. Moore, the SRB voted to support the NHL; and with a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Ms. McCoy, the HRB voted to support the NHL. Then with a motion from Mr. Lounsbury and a second from Ms. Lee, the SRB

voted to support the World Heritage proposal; and with a motion from Ms. Flynn and a second from Ms. Murphy, the HRB voted to support the proposal.

Chair Butler spoke of his appreciation for Director Kilpatrick's support in the meetings with Congressional representatives, and Chair Hofstra supported DHR's work towards owner-occupied federal tax credits.

Register Nominations

The register section of the meeting began with Ms. McRae presenting the Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks, Multiple Property Document. The nomination form was written in 1995 by the National Park Service and was previously listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). With a motion from Ms. McCoy and a second from Ms. Murphy, the MPD was listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) by the HRB.

Ms. Andrus presented the following nominations for the Capital Region:

2. DeJarnette's Tavern, Halifax County (Long Island Quad), #041-0067, Criteria A and C
3. FHA Insured-Garden Apartments of Richmond, Virginia, MPD, City of Richmond, #127-6191
4. Chamberlayne Gardens, City of Richmond (Richmond Quad), #127-6182, Criteria A and C
5. Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works, City of Richmond (Richmond Quad), #127-6188, Criteria A and C
6. St. Catherine's School, City of Richmond (Bon Air Quad), #127-5886, Criteria A, B, and C
7. Speed the Plough, Amherst County (Tobacco Row Mountain Quad), #005-0040, Criteria A and C

Ms. Murphy said she was glad to see St. Catherine's being recognized, having attended there. Ms. Sadler, Sadler & Whitehead Architects, introduced Mr. Hartman and Mr. Wright, who spoke of their excitement and thanks for the recognition of St. Catherine's. Then with a motion from Ms. Lee and a second from Ms. Alexander, all six nominations from the Capital Region were approved by the SRB; and with a motion from Ms. McCoy and a second from Ms. Murphy, all were approved for listing in the VLR by the HRB.

Mr. Pulice presented the following nominations for the Roanoke Region.

8. Fayette Street Historic District, City of Martinsville (Martinsville West Quad), #120-5003, Criteria A and C
9. Keokee Store No. 1, Lee County (Keokee Quad), #052-0066, Criterion A
10. Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Bedford County (Quad), #009-0135, Criterion A

As a member of the Fayette Historical Society, Ms. Moore said she was pleased to see the district nomination come forward; and Ms. McCoy, having attended a service at the church, was glad to see the Olive Branch Church recognized. With a motion from Ms. Moore and a second from Ms. Alexander the three Roanoke Region nominations were approved by the SRB, and with a motion from Ms. McCoy and a second from Ms. Flynn the three resources were listed in the VLR by the HRB.

Ms. Bowman presented the West Point Cemetery nomination (#11 on the agenda) for the Tidewater Region.

Ms. Morton and Ms. Jones of Norfolk said they were honored to represent the West Point Cemetery and thankful to see it's recognition. With a motion from Mr. Lounsbury and a second from Ms. Lee the nomination was passed by the SRB; then with a motion from Ms. Evans and a second from Ms. Murphy the cemetery was placed in the VLR by the HRB. Ms. Evans then thanked the City of Norfolk for its leadership in preservation and stewardship of its resources.

Mr. Edwards presented the following nominations for the Northern Region:

12. Bon Air, Rockingham County (Elkton East Quad), #082-5157, Criteria A and C
13. Driver Farm, Rockingham County (Quad), #082-0116, Criteria A and C
14. Fort Colvin, Frederick County (Winchester Quad), #034-0026, Criteria A, C, and D
15. Merrybrook, Fairfax County (Herndon Quad), #029-0245, Criteria B and C
16. Springs Valley Rural HD, Fauquier County (Warrenton and Jeffersonton Quads), #030-5427, Criteria A, B, and C

Ms. Edwards, consultant, said she was in attendance for any questions regarding the Driver Farm nomination. Mr. and Mrs. Meiselman spoke of their privileged experience residing at and learning about the Merrybrook property and Laura Ratcliffe. Mr. Hakenson, President of the Stuart Mosby Historical Society, voiced his concerns for the loss of such resources and their importance to history and tourism. A member of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, Mr. Etue, expressed his desire to see Merrybrook preserved for the future. Finally, Ms. Cooleen, APVA, said Fort Colvin was being transferred to the French and Indian War Foundation.

With a motion from Mr. Lounsbury and a second from Ms. Alexander, the SRB voted to approve Bon Air, Driver Farm, and Merrybrook. Chair Hofstra then excused himself for a vote on Fort Colvin due to his membership in the French and Indian War Foundation (and left the room during final board consideration of Fort Colvin). Vice-chair Lounsbury asked for a vote on Fort Colvin, and with a motion from Ms. Moore and a second from Ms. Lee, Fort Colvin passed the SRB. Then with a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Ms. Flynn the HRB listed Bon Air, the Driver Farm, Fort Colvin, and Merrybrook into the VLR.

The Springs Valley Rural Historic District was considered separately in order to allow for more extensive discussion from the audience. At the request of Chair Hofstra, Mr. Wagner outlined the notification process; summarized the Springs Valley Rural HD public meeting minutes and the number of owners who attended; gave the final counts prior to this meeting (57 individual owner objections); and explained the legal requirements of both the state and federal codes regarding district notifications and process.

Speakers in opposition to the nomination included: Mr. Fletcher, attorney for the owners of Woodbourne and Ashland; Ms. Eicher, a property owner within the district; Mr. Fletcher, owner (not related to attorney) and spokesperson for Sulpher Springs Company; and Mr. Queen, owner of Woodbourne.

Speakers on behalf of the nomination included: Ms. deGive, resident of Fauquier County within the Crooked Run Valley Historic District and member of the Piedmont Environmental Council; Ms. Moore speaking on behalf of the Citizens of Fauquier County; Mr. Gookin, owner of The Oaks; Ms. Shepherd, consultant who prepared the Springs Valley Rural HD nomination; and Ms. Abe, Fauquier County government, reading a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors and the County's clarification that this does "not affect property owner zoning rights."

Ms. Lee, moved that the Boards stand back and allow for further review of this district proposal. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Lounsbury moved to "recommend eligibility" for Springs Valley Rural Historic District. Seconded by Ms. Alexander, the motion passed with a three votes to one (Ms. Lee voted against and Chair Hofstra abstained). With a motion from Ms. Flynn, that this historic district nomination meets the National Register Criteria for A, B, and C, and a second from Ms. Murphy the Springs Valley Rural Historic District was listed into the VLR by unanimous vote by the HRB. Chair Hofstra adjourned the morning session around 1:30 p.m.

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

Chair Butler brought the HRB back to order just after 1:00 p.m. and Ms. Archer presented the following Highway Markers for approval.

Freedmen's Bureau, Freedman's Bank
Shockoe Hill Cemetery
Frank Padget
Ruth Brown
Stingray Point (replacement)
Mecklenburg County Training School
Laura Ratcliffe
Indian Treaty of 1646

Ms. Evans commented on the excellently prepared texts; and with a motion from Ms. Flynn and a second from Ms. McCoy all the markers were approved. Chair Butler asked about the approval of the John Smith trail markers, and was told these were not yet ready. Mr. Jones then presented a quick tutorial on the new marker web site.

The following easements executed since the December 2006 meeting were presented by Ms. Musumeci, Mr. Loth, and Ms. Tune.

1. Pilgrims Rest, Prince William County (Amendment)
2. Harmony Hall (Fort Bowman), Shenandoah County
3. Slaughter Pen Farm (Pierson Farm), Spotsylvania County

4. The Meadows, Rappahannock County
5. Shirley Plantation, Charles City County
6. Old Rectory (St. Stephen's), Bedford County
7. Upper Breemo, Fluvanna County
8. Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County
9. Tuckahoe, Goochland County
10. Turner-Sinton House, St. John's Historic District, Richmond
11. Reed Square, St. John's Historic District, Richmond
12. Hanger Mill, Augusta County

The following easement offers were then presented.

1. Tyro Mill, Nelson County
2. Makemie Monument, Accomack County
3. Woodlawn Plantation, Pittsylvania County
4. Belgian Building, Virginia Union University, City of Richmond
5. Battersea, City of Petersburg
6. Montpelier, Orange County (not being considered today)

With a motion from Ms. Flynn and a second from Ms. McCoy, the first five easement offers were approved. Ms. Tune then handed out updated portions of the easement policy guidelines (sections six and seven) for the Board to review and later send comment on. Ms. Tune said she hopes to have a final easement policy document to the Board for full review and approval at the June meeting. Chair Butler thanked everyone and adjourned the Historic Resources Board meeting.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

Chair Hofstra brought the SRB to order around 1.30 p.m. in the Collections Study Room of the Department of Historic Resources for discussion and endorsement of the Preliminary Information Applications (informal guidance session).

Board Members (b) and Staff (s) present: Ann Alexander (b), Laurant Lee (b), Carl Lounsbury (b), Elizabeth Moore (b), Warren Hofstra (b), Ann Andrus (s), Camille Bowman (s), David Edwards (s), Joanie Evans (s), Tonia Horton (s), Michael Pulice (s), Susan Smead (s), Kelly Spradley-Kurowski (s), and Marc Wagner(s)

Guests (from sign in sheet): Cindy Lattimore (Northampton Lumber Complex), Brenda Barnes (Antioch Church), Edmund DiStefano (Antioch Church), Julie and Michael Nordstrom (Armistead House), Debra McClane (Cumberland Court House, Goose Creek to Cromwell's Run RHD), Stephanie Jacobe (Meadowbrook), Stephen Harris (Meadowbrook), Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Snead (Cornland School), Mimi Sadler (Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind)

Items for Discussion

1. Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind Historic District, City of Staunton, DHR File Number 132-0008, Criteria A and C

The Board engaged in discussion with the consultant about the requirements for the owners by the state, as well as the period and areas of significance. The Board requested that the period of significance be extended to 1957 and emphasis be placed on Criterion A in the nomination, and agreed with the staff's recommendation on the contributing status of the buildings in question.

Preliminary Information Applications

All proposals were endorsed, with the following comments:

1. Goose Creek to Cromwell's Run Rural Historic District, Fauquier County, DHR File Number 030-5434, Criteria A and C

The Board accepted the revised proposed name for the district as Cromwell's Run Rural Historic District. The consultant reported that the district was conceived before the potential power line path was revealed, that owners were very eager to see the district in place, and that 20th century history would be thoroughly covered in the nomination.

2. Cornland School, City of Chesapeake, DHR File Number 131-0111, Criteria A and C

The Board gave advice on the process to the school's owners, and emphasized the importance of fully exploring the school's history.

3. Dora Armistead House, City of Williamsburg, DHR File Number 137-0142, Criterion C

The Board confirmed to the owners that the 1995 move of the house within Williamsburg, from Duke of Gloucester Street to its current location on Henry Street, would not adversely affect the nomination, agreeing with the staff's recommendation.

4. Northampton Mule Barn and Complex, Northampton County, DHR File Number 267-5004, Criteria A and C

The Board stressed to the owner the importance of Criterion A for the nomination, regarding the economic development of the region.

5. Antioch United Methodist Church, Lunenburg County, DHR File Number 055-5083, Criterion C, Criteria Consideration A

The Board asked for clarification on the cemetery and construction date of the church, and recommended that the nomination include the church parsonage.

6. Meadowbrook Farm, Louisa County, DHR File Number 054-0428, Criterion C

The Board advised the owner on materials appropriate for replacement of the damaged roof, and requested that the forthcoming nomination include discussion of the archaeological potential of the property.

7. Cumberland Court House Historic District, Cumberland County, DHR File Number 024-5025, Criteria A and C

8. Poor House Farm, Loudoun County, DHR File Number 053-1063, Criteria A and C

The Board emphasized the property's social history, noting that the story of Benjamin Carter's work there would provide a key element of the nomination.

9. Doc Robert's Tire/Blacksburg Motor Company, Town of Blacksburg, DHR File Number 150-0105, Criteria A and C

10. Oak Ridge, Pittsylvania County, DHR File Number 071-0020, Criteria A and C

The Board emphasized that the property's association with Thomas Day should be paramount in the nomination, and to explore further the significance of the free clinic operated on the property.

11. W.N. Seay House, City of Buena Vista, DHR File Number 103-5054, Criterion C

12. Whitewood High School, Buchanan County, DHR File Number 013-5125, Criterion C

13. Baiae, Gloucester County, DHR File Number 036-0111, Criteria C and D

14. Fort Huger, Isle of Wight County, DHR File Number 046-0037, Criteria A and D

The Board emphasized that the military importance of the fort will need to be fully established in the nomination.

15. Old Hampton City Hall, City of Hampton, DHR File Number 114-5142, Criteria A and C

16. Roseville Plantation, King William County, DHR File Number 050-0060, Criterion C

17. Cleavers Duke House, Louisa County, DHR File Number 054-5018, Criterion C

Board Comments: The Board suggested that the house's construction date was more likely to be in the 1790s than in the 1750s, and requested that this be solidified before the nomination is completed.

18. Edgefield, Chesterfield County, DHR File Number 020-0076, Criterion C

Board Comments: The Board confirmed that moving Edgefield would not adversely affect its eligibility, provided the move is performed appropriately.

19. Halifax Roller Mill, Halifax County, DHR File Number 230-5002, Criteria A and C

Board Comments: The Board concurred with the staff's recommendation.

20. Massie House, Amherst County, DHR File Number 005-0158, Criterion C

21. Retreat Plantation, Amherst County, DHR File Number 005-0051, Criterion C

The State Review Board adjourned.